

Porter Academy Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday September 21, 2016

Quick Reminders:

- Individual Student Picture Day September 28th
- Spirit Day—Wear an outfit to support your favorite football team—September 30th
- Upper School Conferences September 22-23 Upper School—**NO SCHOOL FOR UPPER SCHOOL STUDENTS**
- Save the date—come dance with us at our Zumbathon Saturday, October 15th

Message from Ms. Lynn

Thank you to all of the lower school parents who made time to come in for parent conferences. It is such a great opportunity to connect as a team to brainstorm the needs of each child and the best way to meet those needs. Everything I heard from parents was very positive, that their children are happy coming to school, happy when they come home, and that they are already seeing improvements in their children's skills. Receiving positive feedback is important to us because it reassures us that our work is having a positive effect on these children.

Porter Academy Parent Association (PPA)

The Fall Festival will be the first PPA event, and it is scheduled for November 11th. Please attend the **meeting October 3rd at 8:30am** if you are interested in helping (either in the brainstorming process, pre-event preparations, or at the event itself). We need all of your creative ideas to make it a fun day for all of us!

Parent Pipeline—Clay White Weeknight Warriors

Clay White is offering a Weeknight Warriors adventure specifically for Porter Academy students. STUDENTS MUST BE AT LEAST 9 YEARS OLD TO PARTICIPATE, there are 10 slots available, and the cost is \$200 (made payable to Clay White, LLC). Students will leave from the school **Thursday, October 6th** and return before carpool on Friday, October 7th. Two of our teachers, Ms. Ashley and Ms. Hagberg, will be joining the students on this adventure. Everyone who has gone in the past has absolutely loved it! It is a wonderful experience that fosters a love of the outdoors, socialization, and independence. I have known Clay White since I was a child, and he has always done amazing work with children. Please see the attached flyer for more information and **email Ms. Lynn**

(lshoeneck@porteracademy.org) to enroll your child as soon as possible—October 6th is coming up quickly.



Important Dates

Sep 22-23: Upper School Conferences; NO SCHOOL for Upper School Students

Sep 28: Picture Day

Sep 30: Spirit Day

Oct 7: End of first nine-week period

Oct 10: No School—Columbus Day

Oct 28: Fun Run

Nov 11: Fall Festival (1:30)

Nov 18: Grandparent/Special Friend Celebration; 1:00 Dismissal

Nov 21-25: No School—Thanksgiving Holiday

Dec 15: 1:00 Dismissal

The Character Education trait for September is Respect — “I am important and so are you!”